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Summary

The present report contains the financial performance report of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997. The total resources provided for the period amount to $7,478,900 gross ($6,971,600 net), while the related expenditures amount to $5,971,000 gross ($5,667,300 net). This resulted in an unencumbered balance of $1,507,900 gross ($1,304,300 net).

The unencumbered balance was due primarily to higher vacancy rates for military observers and international civilian staff and the limited use of helicopter services.

The action to be taken by the General Assembly, as contained in paragraph 10 of the report, is a decision to credit Member States their respective share in the unencumbered balance of $1,507,900 gross ($1,304,300 net) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997.

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I. Introduction

1. The United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) was initially established by the Security Council in its resolution 968 (1994) of 16 December 1994 for a period of up to six months, subject to the proviso that it would continue beyond 6 February 1995 only if the Secretary-General reported to the Council by that date that the parties had agreed to extend the Agreement of 17 September 1994, and that they remained committed to an effective ceasefire, to national reconciliation and to the promotion of democracy. The mandate of the Mission has subsequently been extended by the Council in various resolutions. In its resolution 1138 (1997) of 14 November 1997, the Council expanded the size and mandate of UNMOT and extended its mandate until 15 May 1998.

2. For the maintenance of UNMOT for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, the General Assembly, in its resolution 50/238 of 7 June 1996, appropriated an amount of $7,478,900 gross ($6,971,600 net), which was assessed on Member States.

II. Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997

3. Annex I to the present report sets out in column 1 the budget estimates for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 for UNMOT by budget line item as contained in annex I to document A/50/749/Add.1. Column 2 indicates the apportionment of resources provided to UNMOT by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/238. Non-recurrent and recurrent expenditures are shown in columns 3 and 4, respectively, and total expenditures are provided in column 5. Unliquidated obligations are reflected in column 6. Variances between the apportioned resources and recorded expenditures are set out in column 7. Supplementary information in respect of the expenditures is provided in annex II.

4. The planned and actual deployment of civilian and military personnel for the reporting period is contained in annex III. Annex IV provides the authorized staffing, incumbency and vacancy rates for military and civilian personnel for the reporting period.

5. On two separate occasions, from 20 to 26 December 1996 and from 3 to 17 February 1997, United Nations military and civilian personnel both were taken hostage. In the light of those developments, UNMOT took measures to delay the replacement of military observers who were scheduled to be deployed and to relocate a majority of the personnel to Tashkent, Uzbekistan, for the period from February through May 1997.

6. As shown in annex I, column 2, the total resources made available to UNMOT for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 amount to $7,478,900 gross ($6,971,600 net). Expenditures recorded during the period (column 5) amounted to $5,971,000 gross ($5,667,300 net), resulting in an unencumbered balance of $1,507,900 gross ($1,304,300 net). The expenditures include the share of UNMOT in the ad hoc financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi in the amount of $51,500.

7. Savings were achieved under major line items with the exception of communications, other equipment and supplies and services as follows: military personnel costs ($320,400), civilian personnel costs ($701,600), premises/accommodation ($6,900), transport operations ($33,900), air operations ($310,300), public information programmes ($4,500) and staff assessment ($203,600).

8. Additional requirements under communications ($1,200) were due to the purchase of equipment that was not available from the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi. Also, additional requirements under other equipment ($1,200) and supplies and services ($19,400) were due to higher than estimated costs relating primarily to bank charges, claims and security services resulting from the hostage crises. Also recorded were additional expenditures under stationery and office supplies, subscriptions, operational maps and quartermaster and general stores.

9. An obligation in the amount of $1,000 under death and disability for the period ending 30 June 1996 was recorded in the UNMOT accounts for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997.

III. Action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-second session

10. The action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-second session in connection with the financing of UNMOT is a decision to credit Member States their respective share in the unencumbered balances of $1,507,900 gross ($1,304,300 net) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997.

Annex I
Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997

(Thousands of United States dollars)

		(1) Original cost estimates	(2) Apportionment	(3) Non-recurrent expenditures	(4) Recurrent expenditures	(5) Total expenditures (3 + 4)	(6) Unliquidated obligations	(7) Variances (2 - 5)
1.	**Military personnel costs**							
	(a) Military observers							
	Mission subsistence allowance	1 230.9	1 230.9	–	978.6	978.6	–	252.3
	Travel costs	281.6	281.6	–	215.7	215.7	93.0	65.9
	Clothing and equipment allowance	8.8	8.8	–	8.1	8.1	–	0.7
	Subtotal	**1 521.3**	**1 521.3**	**–**	**1 202.4**	**1 202.4**	**93.0**	**318.9**
	(b) Military contingents							
	Rations	16.3	16.3	–	13.8	13.8	–	2.5
	(c) Other costs pertaining to military personnel							
	Death and disability compensation	17.6	17.6	1.0	17.6	18.6	17.6	(1.0)
	Total, line 1	**1 555.2**	**1 555.2**	**1.0**	**1 233.8**	**1 234.8**	**110.6**	**320.4**
2.	**Civilian personnel costs**							
	(a) Civilian police	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	(b) International and local staff							
	International staff salaries	1 651.9	1 651.9	–	1 233.0	1 233.0	–	418.9
	Local staff salaries	112.0	112.0	–	137.9	137.9	0.2	(25.9)
	Overtime	19.2	19.2	–	28.1	28.1	–	(8.9)
	Common staff costs	921.3	921.3	–	559.2	559.2	45.0	362.1
	Mission subsistence allowance	673.4	673.4	–	503.3	503.3	–	170.1
	Other travel costs	40.7	40.7	–	255.4	255.4	62.0	(214.7)
	Subtotal	**3 418.5**	**3 418.5**	**–**	**2 716.9**	**2 716.9**	**107.2**	**701.6**
	(c) International contractual personnel	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	(d) United Nations Volunteers	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	(e) Government-provided personnel	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	(f) Civilian electoral observers	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Total, line 2	**3 418.5**	**3 418.5**	**–**	**2 716.9**	**2 716.9**	**107.2**	**701.6**
3.	**Premises/accommodation**							
	Rental of premises	21.6	21.6	–	18.1	18.1	2.0	3.5
	Alteration and renovation of premises	6.2	6.2	6.2	–	6.2	0.3	–
	Maintenance supplies	6.0	6.0	–	4.8	4.8	–	1.2
	Maintenance services	3.6	3.6	–	3.1	3.1	–	0.5
	Utilities	2.7	2.7	–	1.0	1.0	0.6	1.7
	Total, line 3	**40.1**	**40.1**	**6.2**	**27.0**	**33.2**	**2.9**	**6.9**
4.	**Infrastructure repairs**	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

		(1) Original cost estimates	(2) Apportionment	(3) Non-recurrent expenditures	(4) Recurrent expenditures	(5) Total expenditures (3 + 4)	(6) Unliquidated obligations	(7) Variances (2 - 5)
5.	**Transport operations**							
	Purchase of vehicles	27.0	27.0	—	73.5	73.5	54.0	(46.5)
	Rental of vehicles	9.0	9.0	—	8.3	8.3	0.3	0.7
	Workshop equipment	5.0	5.0	6.7	—	6.7	0.7	(1.7)
	Spare parts, repairs and maintenance	228.0	228.0	—	156.8	156.8	73.1	71.2
	Petrol, oil and lubricants	55.0	55.0	—	44.9	44.9	—	10.1
	Vehicle insurance	5.7	5.7	—	5.6	5.6	5.6	0.1
	Total, line 5	**329.7**	**329.7**	**6.7**	**289.1**	**295.8**	**133.7**	**33.9**
6.	**Air operations**							
	(a) Helicopter operations							
	Hire/charter costs	675.0	675.0	—	296.2	296.2	217.6	378.8
	(b) Fixed-wing aircraft							
	Hire/charter costs	60.0	60.0	—	128.5	128.5	118.3	(68.5)
	(c) Aircrew subsistence allowance	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	(d) Other air operation costs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total, line 6	**735.0**	**735.0**	**—**	**424.7**	**424.7**	**335.9**	**310.3**
7.	**Naval operations**	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8.	**Communications**							
	(a) Complementary communications							
	Communications equipment	1.4	1.4	—	52.1	52.1	44.8	(50.7)
	Spare parts and supplies	12.0	12.0	—	14.7	14.7	7.0	(2.7)
	Commercial communications	540.0	540.0	—	487.8	487.8	177.2	52.2
	Subtotal	**553.4**	**553.4**	**—**	**554.6**	**554.6**	**229.0**	**(1.2)**
	(b) Main trunking contract	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total, line 8	**553.4**	**553.4**	**—**	**554.6**	**554.6**	**229.0**	**(1.2)**
9.	**Other equipment**							
	Office furniture	2.2	2.2	4.1	—	4.1	0.3	(1.9)
	Office equipment	1.0	1.0	2.5	—	2.5	—	(1.5)
	Generators	4.0	4.0	—	2.5	2.5	—	1.5
	Petrol tank plus metering equipment	2.0	2.0	0.6	—	0.6	—	1.4
	Accommodation equipment	0.9	1.0	1.2	—	1.2	—	(0.2)
	Refrigeration equipment	1.4	1.3	1.1	—	1.1	—	0.2
	Miscellaneous equipment	4.7	4.7	5.0	—	5.0	—	(0.3)
	Spare parts, repairs and maintenance	4.2	4.2	—	3.9	3.9	1.7	0.3
	Water purification equipment	2.3	2.3	3.0	—	3.0	1.5	(0.7)
	Total, line 9	**22.7**	**22.7**	**17.5**	**6.4**	**23.9**	**3.5**	**(1.2)**

		(1) Original cost estimates	(2) Apportionment	(3) Non-recurrent expenditures	(4) Recurrent expenditures	(5) Total expenditures (3 + 4)	(6) Unliquidated obligations	(7) Variances (2 - 5)
10.	**Supplies and services**							
	(a) Miscellaneous services							
	Audit services	63.0	63.0	—	63.0	63.0	63.0	—
	Security services	—	—	—	4.7	4.7	0.2	(4.7)
	Claims and adjustments	—	—	9.7	—	9.7	—	(9.7)
	Miscellaneous other services	4.9	4.9	—	22.7	22.7	0.6	(17.8)
	Subtotal	**67.9**	**67.9**	**9.7**	**90.4**	**100.1**	**63.8**	**(32.2)**
	(b) Miscellaneous supplies							
	Stationery and office supplies	10.6	10.6	—	19.1	19.1	5.4	(8.5)
	Medical supplies	24.0	24.0	—	16.0	16.0	9.6	8.0
	Sanitation and cleaning materials	3.6	3.6	—	1.7	1.7	0.7	1.9
	Subscriptions	1.2	1.2	—	3.7	3.7	—	(2.5)
	Electrical supplies	2.0	2.0	—	1.0	1.0	0.1	1.0
	Uniform items, flags and decals	15.2	15.2	—	0.2	0.2	0.9	15.0
	Operational maps	—	—	—	1.7	1.7	—	(1.7)
	Quartermaster and general stores	1.2	1.2	—	1.6	1.6	—	(0.4)
	Subtotal	**57.8**	**57.8**	**—**	**45.0**	**45.0**	**16.7**	**12.8**
	Total, line 10	**125.7**	**125.7**	**9.7**	**135.4**	**145.1**	**80.5**	**(19.4)**
11.	**Election-related supplies and services**							
	(a) Standard kits for registration teams	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	(b) Various election materials	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	(c) Election-related contractual services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total, line 11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12.	**Public information programmes**							
	Materials and supplies	0.3	0.3	—	1.1	1.1	—	(0.8)
	Contractual services	11.0	11.0	—	5.7	5.7	4.0	5.3
	Total, line 12	**11.3**	**11.3**	**—**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**4.0**	**4.5**
13.	**Training programmes**	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14.	**Mine-clearing programmes**							
	(a) Acquisition of equipment	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	(b) Supplies, services and operating costs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total, line 14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15.	**Assistance for disarmament and demobilization**							
	(a) Rehabilitation/reintegration assistance to demobilize military forces	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	(b) Provision of food, including transportation and distribution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total, line 15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	(1) Original cost estimates	(2) Apportionment	(3) Non-recurrent expenditures	(4) Recurrent expenditures	(5) Total expenditures (3 + 4)	(6) Unliquidated obligations	(7) Variances (2 - 5)
16. Air and surface freight							
Commercial freight and cartage	3.6	3.6	1.4	2.2	3.6	1.9	—
Total, line 16	**3.6**	**3.6**	**1.4**	**2.2**	**3.6**	**1.9**	**—**
17. United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	—	—	—	51.5	51.5	—	(51.5)
18. Support account for peacekeeping operations	—	176.4	—	176.4	176.4	—	—
19. Staff assessment							
Staff assessment, international staff	486.3	486.3	—	278.3	278.3	—	208.0
Staff assessment, local staff	21.0	21.0	—	25.4	25.4	—	(4.4)
Total, line 19	**507.3**	**507.3**	**—**	**303.7**	**303.7**	**—**	**203.6**
Total, lines 1-19	**7 302.5**	**7 478.9**	**42.5**	**5 928.5**	**5 971.0**	**1 009.2**	**1 507.9**
20. Income from staff assessment	(507.3)	(507.3)	—	(303.7)	(303.7)	—	(203.6)
21. Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total, lines 20-21	**(507.3)**	**(507.3)**	**—**	**(303.7)**	**(303.7)**	**—**	**(203.6)**
Gross requirements	7 302.5	7 478.9	42.5	5 928.5	5 971.0	1 009.2	1 507.9
Net requirements	6 795.2	6.971.6	42.5	5 624.8	5 667.3	1 009.2	1 304.3
22. Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total resources	**6 795.2**	**6 971.6**	**42.5**	**5 624.8**	**5 667.3**	**1 009.2**	**1 304.3**

Annex II
Supplementary information on the financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997

A. Detailed variances in requirements and costs

Description	Estimate: Number of units	Estimate: Unit/daily/monthly/annual cost (United States dollars)	Actual: Number of units	Actual: Unit/daily/monthly/annual cost (United States dollars)	Explanation	Supplementary explanation (para. numbers in sect. B)
1. Military personnel costs						
(a) Military observers						
Average strength	44		35		No emplacement of some of observers during the closure of team sites.	
Mission subsistence allowance		1 230 900		978 600		1
Travel costs						2
Rotation trips	88		80		Same as above.	
Travel costs		281 600		215 700		
Clothing and equipment allowance		8 800		8 100		3
(b) Military contingents						
Rations						
Contingency rations		16 300		13 800	Only expired stock was replaced.	4
(c) Other costs pertaining to military personnel						
Death and disability compensation		17 600		18 600	Due to corrections made in IMIS.	5
2. Civilian personnel costs						
(a) Civilian police		—		—		
(b) International and local staff						
Average strength						
International staff	24		21			
Local staff	35		34			
International staff salaries		1 651 900		1 233 000	An average 14 per cent vacancy rate.	7
Local staff salaries		112 000		137 900	Revision of salary scale.	8
Overtime		19 200		28 100		9
Common staff costs		921 300		559 200	An average 14 per cent vacancy rate of international staff and special service agreement contract with local staff.	10

Description	Estimate: Number of units	Estimate: Unit/daily/monthly/annual cost (United States dollars)	Actual: Number of units	Actual: Unit/daily/monthly/annual cost (United States dollars)	Explanation	Supplementary explanation (para. numbers in sect. B)
Mission subsistence allowance		673 400		503 300	An average 14 per cent vacancy rate.	11
Other travel costs		40 700		255 400	For inter-Tajik talks and other official trips.	12
(c) International contractual personnel		—		—		
(d) United Nations Volunteers		—		—		
(e) Government-provided personnel		—		—		
(f) Civilian electoral observers		—		—		
3. Premises/accommodation						
Rental of premises		21 600		18 100	Temporary closure of team sites.	13
Alteration and renovation of premises		6 200		6 200	No change.	14
Maintenance supplies		6 000		4 800	Reduced requirements.	15
Maintenance services		3 600		3 100	Reduced requirements.	16
Utilities		2 700		1 000	Lower negotiated cost.	17
4. Infrastructure repairs		—		—		
5. Transport operations						
Purchase of vehicles		27 000		73 500	Transfer of additional 8 armoured vehicles.	20
Rental of vehicles		9 000		8 300	Lower than estimated monthly cost.	21
Workshop equipment		5 000		6 700	Higher freight cost.	22
Spare parts, repairs and maintenance		228 000		156 800	Delays in procurement action.	23
Petrol, oil and lubricants		55 000		44 900	Lower consumption of diesel fuel.	24
Vehicle insurance		5 700		5 600	Lower than estimated cost.	25
6. Air operations						
(a) Helicopter operations						
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Hire/charter costs		675 000		296 200	Delayed contract and limited use.	26
(b) Fixed-wing aircraft						
Hire/charter costs		60 000		128 500	Additional charter for official trip of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General	27
(c) Aircrew subsistence allowance		—		—		
(d) Other air operation costs		—		—		

Description	Estimate: Number of units	Estimate: Unit/daily/monthly/annual cost (United States dollars)	Actual: Number of units	Actual: Unit/daily/monthly/annual cost (United States dollars)	Explanation	Supplementary explanation (para. numbers in sect. B)
7. Naval operations		—		—		
8. Communications						
(a) Complementary communications						
Communications equipment		1 400		52 100	Need for the purchase of unbudgeted equipment.	31
Spare parts and supplies		12 000		14 700	Additional requirement.	32
Commercial communications		540 000		487 800	Lower requirement.	33
(b) Main trunking contract		—		—		
9. Other equipment						
Office furniture		2 200		4 100	Local purchase with higher price.	35
Office equipment		1 000		2 500	Additional requirement and additional freight cost.	36
Data-processing equipment		—		—		
Generators		4 000		2 500	Lower freight cost.	37
Petrol tank plus metering equipment		2 000		600	Lower requirement.	38
Accommodation equipment		900		1 200	Additional unforeseen requirement.	39
Refrigeration equipment		1 400		1 100	Lower cost.	40
Miscellaneous equipment		4 700		5 000	Higher cost.	41
Spare parts, repairs and maintenance		4 200		3 900	Lower requirement.	42
Water-purification equipment		2 300		3 000	Additional requirement of water-filters.	43
10. Supplies and services						
(a) Miscellaneous services						
Audit services		63 000		63 000	No change.	44
Security services		—		4 700	Hiring of local guards.	45
Claims and adjustments		—		9 700	Unforeseen requirement.	46
Miscellaneous other services		4 900		22 700	Unforeseen additional requirements.	47
(b) Miscellaneous supplies						
Stationery and office supplies		10 600		19 100	Local procurement with higher costs.	48
Medical supplies		24 000		16 000	Lower requirement.	49
Sanitation and cleaning materials		3 600		1 700	Lower requirements due to temporary closure of team sites.	50
Subscriptions		1 200		3 700	Higher than estimated requirement.	51
Electrical supplies		2 000		1 000	Lower requirement.	52

Description	Estimate: Number of units	Estimate: Unit/daily/monthly/annual cost (United States dollars)	Actual: Number of units	Actual: Unit/daily/monthly/annual cost (United States dollars)	Explanation	Supplementary explanation (para. numbers in sect. B)
Uniform items, flags and decals		15 200		200	Available from stock for reduced requirement.	53
Operational maps		—		1 700	Unforeseen requirement.	54
Quartermaster and general stores		1 200		1 600	Higher requirement.	55
11. Election-related supplies and services		—		—		
12. Public information programmes						
Materials and supplies		300		1 100	Procurement of additional items.	57
Contractual services		11 000		5 700	Delayed establishment of the Office of Public Information programmes.	58
13. Training programmes		—		—		
14. Mine-clearing programmes		—		—		
15. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization						
16. Air and surface freight						
Commercial freight and cartage		3 600		3 600	No change.	62
17. United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi		—		51 500		63
18. Support account for peacekeeping operations		176 400		176 400	No change.	64
19. Staff assessment						65
Staff assessment, international staff		486 300		278 300	Due to 14 per cent vacancy rate.	
Staff assessment, local staff		21 000		25 400	Due to revised salary scale.	
20. Income from staff assessment		(507 300)		(303 700)		66
21. Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)		—		—		66
Gross requirements		7 478 900		5 971 000		
Net requirements		6 971 600		5 667 300		
22. Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)		—		—		
Total resources		**6 971 600**		**5 667 300**		

B. Supplementary explanation

Variances
(United States dollars)

1. Military personnel costs

(a) Military observers 318 900

1. *Mission subsistence allowance*. The cost estimates were based on the rates of $90 per day for the first 30 days and $75 per day thereafter for 44 military observers. Unutilized resources of $252,300 were due to a high vacancy rate from January to June 1997 as a result of the temporary suspension of rotation in the light of the hostage crises in December 1996 and February 1997. Of the 46 military observers who completed their tour of duty, only 34 were replaced during the period, resulting in an average vacancy rate of 21 per cent, as shown in annex IV.

2. *Travel costs*. Provision was made on the basis of the projected rotation of 44 military observers at an estimated cost of $3,200 per trip. As mentioned in paragraph 1 above, while a total of 46 military observers departed from the mission area, only 34 were replaced, at an average cost of $2,700 per trip, resulting in unutilized resources of $65,900.

3. *Clothing and equipment allowance*. While provision was made for 44 military observers, the actual number of military observers who received allowance was 41. Moreover, one military observer received 50 per cent of the entitlement because of repatriation for medical reasons, resulting in unutilized resources of $700.

(b) Military contingents 2 500

4. *Rations*. Provision was made for the purchase of contingency rations to meet a shortage of food commodities at the rate of $7 per person per day for food and $1 per person per day for bottled water for 44 military observers and 24 international staff for 30 days. During the reporting period, only the expired stock was replaced, resulting in unutilized resources of $2,500.

(c) Other costs pertaining to military personnel . . . . . (1 000)

5. *Death and disability compensation*. The additional requirement of $1,000 was due to the recording of an obligation pertaining to the period ending 30 June 1996, which was recorded in the UNMOT accounts for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997. The amount of $17,600 allocated under this heading was fully obligated to cover potential claims for death, disability or injury of military personnel.

2. Civilian personnel costs

(a) Civilian police . . . . . —

6. No provision was made under this heading.

(b) International and local staff 701 600

7. *International staff salaries*. Provision was made for a total of 24 international staff (13 Professional, 2 General Service and 9 Field Service) throughout the period. The average vacancy rate of 14 per cent (see annex IV) throughout the period resulted in unutilized resources of $418,900.

8. *Local staff salaries*. Provision was made for 35 local staff throughout the period. Additional requirements of $25,900 were due to the upward revision of the local salary scale applicable to Tajikistan effective on 1 May 1995, taking into account the average vacancy rate of 4 per cent, shown in annex IV.

9. *Overtime*. The additional requirement of $8,900 was due to the need for locally hired interpreters assigned to the media review unit and support staff assigned to the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and the Chief Military Observer, who were required to work late in the evenings and weekends during the negotiations of the inter-Tajik talks on the implementation of the peace agreement.

10. *Common staff costs*. Unutilized resources of $362,100 were due to the average vacancy rate of 8 per cent for civilian personnel as shown in annex IV, as well as the fact that local staff were employed under special service agreements under which staff members are not entitled to allowances for an initial period of three months prior to conversion to the 300-series type of appointment.

11. *Mission subsistence allowance*. Unutilized resources of $170,100 were attributable to the average vacancy rate of 14 per cent for international staff, as shown in annex IV.

12. *Other travel costs*. Additional requirements of $214,700 were due to unforseen trips taken as a result of the deteriorating security situation in Tajikistan. Actual trips undertaken during the period under review were as follows: (a) 19 trips to neighbouring countries undertaken by UNMOT personnel for inter-Tajik talks ($81,212); (b) 4 trips undertaken by UNMOT administration personnel in connection with the relocation of staff to Tashkent ($1,395), which was not anticipated; (c) 2 trips made by two electronic data-processing specialists from the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi to install the local-area network ($12,058); (d) 3 trips by UNMOT personnel to Headquarters ($19,873); (e) 1 trip to Moscow by the security officer for retrieval of weapons ($332); (f) daily subsistence allowance paid to local staff in Afghanistan ($1,500); (g) 21 trips by political and military personnel from New York to UNMOT and neighbouring countries ($125,649); and (h) the travel of 2 police officers from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for assistance in the hostage situation in February 1997 ($13,400).

(c)	*International contractual personnel*	—
(d)	*United Nations Volunteers*	—
(e)	*Government-provided personnel*	—
(f)	*Civilian electoral observers*	—
3.	**Premises/accommodation**	6 900

13. *Rental of premises*. Provision was made for the rental of premises at a total cost of $1,800 per month for the rental of seven team sites, repeater sites and a clinic at $200 per site. During the period, team sites at Vanj, Pianj and Moskovsky were closed in January 1997, and a team site at Kurgan-Tube was closed in February 1997. While the site in Khovaling was established in August 1996 to replace Tavildara, it was closed in September 1996 as the fighting extended to that area. Two liaison posts, Taloqan in Afghanistan and Khujand in the Leninabad region in the northern part of Tajikistan, were established in November 1996 and February 1997, respectively. The only location that operated for the full 12-month period were the Khorog team site, the medical clinic and the repeater sites. Other locations were operational for an average of seven months, at an average monthly cost of $1,500, resulting in unutilized resources of $3,500.

14. *Alteration and renovation of premises*. No change.

15. *Maintenance supplies*. While UNMOT headquarters in Dushanbe is provided by the Government free of charge, UNMOT bears the responsibility of maintaining the premises in a suitable condition. Provision was made for maintenance supplies estimated at $500 per month for the mission headquarters building and outstations. Unutilized resources of $1,200 were due to the lower requirement for maintenance supplies as a result of the relocation of most UNMOT personnel to Tashkent, Uzbekistan, for the period from February through May 1997 and the temporary closure of all team sites during the period from February through June 1997. Although UNMOT personnel returned to Dushanbe in May 1997, because of the security situation, team sites were not reopened until June 1997.

16. *Maintenance services*. While provision was made for cleaning and minor maintenance services for the mission headquarters building and for outstations at the rate of $300 per site per month, actual expenditures incurred for the cleaning of all UNMOT locations, plumbing, locksmiths, carpentry and winterization of team sites were lower than estimated, resulting in an unutilized balance of $500.

17. *Utilities*. Provision was made on the basis of an estimated cost of $225 per month for electricity, including charcoal for five months for three team sites. The actual cost of electricity was lower than estimated and charcoal was not utilized, resulting in an unutilized balance of $1,700.

18. *Construction/prefabricated buildings*. No provision was made under this heading.

4. Infrastructure repairs . . . . . —

19. No provision was made under this heading.

5. Transport operations 33 900

20. *Purchase of vehicles*. While provision of $27,000 was made for freight costs for nine 4 x 4 vehicles from Brindisi, additional expenditures of $46,500 were incurred as a result of the transfer of eight armoured vehicles from the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (UNTAES) for the protection of UNMOT staff as the security situation deteriorated in Tajikistan.

21. *Rental of vehicles*. Provision was made for the transport of diesel fuel to team sites three times per month at the rate of $250 per trip. Actual expenditures amounted to $600 per month for the leasing of a truck for this purpose, resulting in unutilized resources of $1,800. These were partially offset by expenditures relating to the loading and unloading of fuel and the towing of vehicles caused by breakdowns and accidents, which resulted in unutilized resources of $700.

22. *Workshop equipment*. While provision was made of $5,000, actual expenditures amounted to $6,700, resulting in additional requirements of $1,700. The additional requirements were due to the need to replace worn equipment and hand tools, which could be procured neither locally nor from Pakistan, since the UNMOT vehicle fleet is made up of Land Rovers, Toyotas and Peugeots. Those items had to be procured from England and Italy, resulting in higher freight cost.

23. *Spare parts, repairs and maintenance*. While provision of $228,000 was made at the standard rate of $500 per vehicle per month for 38 vehicles, actual expenditure was $156,800 because of delayed procurement action for some of the requirements, resulting in unutilized resources of $71,200.

24. *Petrol, oil and lubricants*. The estimate was based on requirements for 38 United Nations-owned vehicles as well as for 9 16-KVA generators and a 100-KVA generator at the rate of $0.3 per litre plus 10 per cent for oil and lubricants. While consumption of diesel fuel was lower than estimated, the savings were offset by additional requirements for maintenance supplies such as engine oil, gear oil, brake fluid and coolant, as the UNMOT vehicles required more maintenance because of the rough and mountainous terrain and climate of Tajikistan. Actual expenditure was $44,900, resulting in unutilized resources of $10,100.

25. *Vehicle insurance*. The unutilized amount of $100 was due to the slightly lower than estimated cost of vehicle insurance.

6. Air operations 310 300

(a) Helicopter operations 378 800

26. *Hire/charter costs*. Provision was made for hiring one helicopter at a cost of $675,000. The contract for the hiring of a helicopter is based on a monthly cost of $87,800 for a minimum of 40 hours with an additional maximum of 20 hours, as required, at the rate of $4,000 per month. A B-212 helicopter became available only in April 1997. Actual expenditures amounted to $296,200 for the following: hire/charter costs ($225,700), positioning costs ($64,000), fuel ($1,800) and crew allowance ($4,700).

(b) Fixed-wing aircraft . . . . . (68 500)

27. *Hire/charter costs.* Provision was made for a monthly resupply flight by special charter from the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan, from Islamabad to Dushanbe at $5,000 per flight. Actual expenditures amounted to $60,000 for nine resupply flights and $68,500 for the charter cost of seven flights by the Office of the United Nations for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance to Afghanistan for the trip of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to neighbouring countries for inter-Tajik talks, resulting in additional requirements of $68,500.

(c) Aircrew subsistence allowance . . . . . —

28. No provision was made under this heading.

(d) Other air operation costs . . . . . —

29. No provision was made under this heading.

7. Naval operations . . . . . —

30. No provision was made under this heading.

8. Communications . . . . . (1 200)

(a) Complementary communications . . . . . (1 200)

31. *Communications equipment.* While provision was made in the amount of $1,400 for freight costs for very-high-frequency equipment such as mobile radios, repeaters and portable radios, additional expenditures of $50,700 were incurred. The United Nations private-access branch exchange (PABX) satellite communications facility was established in Dushanbe in December 1995. However, since it was not efficient enough to handle increased communications needs for UNMOT, additional equipment was required to upgrade the system. Expenditures were incurred for the purchase and replacement of such equipment as 11 INMARSAT terminals, 20 handie-talkies ($46,101), 2 mobile telephones ($2,000) and 14 telephones ($471) and freight charges for the transfer of equipment from other missions ($3,528).

32. *Spare parts and supplies.* Provision was made at the rate of $1,000 per month. The additional requirement of $2,700 was due to the purchase of various items such as cables, wiring, adapters and antennas, which were required for the installation of the data link and the new PABX.

33. *Commercial communications.* Provision was made at a total cost of $45,000 per month. Lower usage of commercial communications was due to the closure of team sites during the period from February through June 1997, resulting in unutilized resources of $52,200. Expenditures totalling $487,800 were incurred for Telenor, Telesat, Comstra, PTT and INMARSAT ($390,566), satellite transponder services ($42,500), postage ($500), pouch charges ($203) and telephone rentals ($54,031).

(b) Main trunking contract . . . . . —

34. No provision was made under this heading.

9. Other equipment . . . . . (1 200)

35. *Office furniture.* While provision was made in the amount of $2,200 for freight charges for the transfer of office furniture from the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, additional expenditures were incurred for the acquisition of various office furniture locally, such as 6 executive chairs, 5 swivel chairs,

16 conference metal chairs, 20 plastic chairs, 5 computer tables, 1 sofa set with 2 armchairs, 2 plastic tables and 1 tea table, resulting in additional requirements of $1,900.

36. *Office equipment*. While provision was made in the amount of $1,000 for freight costs for the transfer of typewriters, photocopiers and shredders from the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, actual expenditures of $2,500 were incurred for additional freight ($500) and for the local purchase of calculators, a dictaphone and a money counter ($1,000).

37. *Generators*. Provision of $4,000 was made for freight cost for the transfer of three generators from the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi. Actual freight charges amounted to $2,500, resulting in an unutilized balance of $1,500.

38. *Petrol tank plus metering equipment*. While provision was made in the amount of $2,000 for the purchase of five diesel storage tanks at $400 each, actual expenditures in the amount of $600 were incurred for the purchase of 10 drums for diesel storage tanks ($60), an 800-litre tank ($500) and welding materials ($40). The costs of these items were lower than the amount budgeted for the diesel storage tanks, resulting in unutilized resources of $1,400.

39. *Accommodation equipment*. Provision was made in the amount of $1,000 for the requirements of nine team sites. Actual expenditures incurred amounted to $1,200, resulting in additional requirements of $200. Items purchased were as follows: heaters for the team sites and headquarters ($500), mosquito nets ($50), electric kettles ($300), electric cookers/stoves ($140) and blankets ($170). Electric kettles and blankets were required for staff who did not relocate to Tashkent and remained in the office during the hostage crisis.

40. *Refrigeration equipment*. While provision was made for the purchase of two refrigerators at a total cost of $1,300, the actual expenditure was $1,100, resulting in an unutilized balance of $200.

41. *Miscellaneous equipment*. Provision was made in the amount of $4,700. Actual expenditures of $5,000 were incurred for the purchase of miscellaneous equipment, such as hand dryers for the bathroom, vacuum cleaners, an engraving machine, room dividers for the clinic, an intercom system for the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, filter screens for monitors and rechargeable batteries, resulting in an unutilized amount of $300.

42. *Spare parts, repairs and maintenance*. Because of lower usage of equipment when the majority of UNMOT staff were relocated to Tashkent during the period from February to May 1997, an amount of $300 was not utilized.

43. *Water-purification equipment*. Provision was made in the amount of $2,300 for a one-man water-purification kit for emergency purposes at a unit cost of $150. Additional expenditures of $700 were incurred for the purchase of four additional water filters, which serve as a filtration system at team sites.

10. Supplies and services . . . . . (19 400)

(a) Miscellaneous services . . . . . (32 200)

44. *Audit services*. The amount allocated for audit services was fully obligated.

45. *Security services*. While no budgetary provision was made for this item, expenditures of $4,700 were incurred due to the deterioration in the security situation in the mission area including threats to the security of UNMOT staff. The hostage crisis in December 1996 resulted in additional security being provided beginning in January 1997. Four guards were contracted by UNMOT from the Ministry of Interior for 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for headquarters premises ($3,300). In April 1997, one guard was hired for the medical clinic ($300) and another was hired to provide protection at two team sites ($100). Additionally, two guards were hired for the protection of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, one in February 1997 and another in April 1997 ($1,000).

46. *Claims and adjustments*. Expenditures totalling $9,700 were incurred for 20 claims submitted by military personnel for loss of personal items during the hostage crisis, for emergency evacuation from team sites and for items confiscated during patrol.

47. *Miscellaneous other services*. While provision was made in the amount of $4,900 for bank charges and for the cost of crossing by ferry to the liaison post in Afghanistan, actual expenditures amounted to $22,700. Actual expenditures were as follows: 17 ferry trips for the meeting at Taloqan, Afghanistan, in connection with the opening of a liaison post ($4,200), bank charges ($8,200), losses on currency exchange ($5,300), official hospitality ($600) and other miscellaneous services such as cleaning/gardening, shipment of documents to Tashkent, Uzbekistan, shipment of documents relating to the hostage crisis to Scotland Yard, storage and customs declaration of equipment in Pakistan, loading and unloading of fuel tanks and cleaning of vehicles ($4,400).

(b) Miscellaneous supplies 12 800

48. *Stationery and office supplies*. Because of delays in the delivery of office supplies from Pakistan, some supplies were purchased locally at a higher cost. Moreover, expenditures also include freight charges for generators transferred from UNTAES that were inadvertently recorded under this heading. Additional requirements of $8,500 resulted.

49. *Medical supplies*. Unutilized resources of $8,000 were due to the lower than estimated cost of procuring these items.

50. *Sanitation and cleaning materials*. Lower requirements during the period as a result of the relocation of UNMOT personnel from February to May 1997 and the temporary closure of all team sites from February to June 1997 resulted in an unutilized balance of $1,900.

51. *Subscriptions*. While provision was made at the rate of $100 per month, additional expenditures of $2,500 were incurred owing to the higher actual cost of subscriptions, which was approximately $300 per month. Total expenditures of $3,700 were made for subscriptions to the *Herald Tribune* and the *Economist* ($1,100), BBC international news reports through the Internet ($2,600) and local newspapers ($20).

52. *Electrical supplies*. As a result of the closure of all team sites for the period from February to June 1997, there were lower requirements under this heading, resulting in an unutilized amount of $1,000.

53. *Uniform items, flags and decals*. Requirements were lower than estimated since UNMOT did not maintain its full strength during the period under review and some items were provided from stock. This resulted in an unutilized amount of $15,000.

54. *Operational maps*. While no provision was made under this heading, $1,700 was incurred for the purchase of 15 maps, which were required for the opening of new team sites in the Tavildara area.

55. *Quartermaster and general stores*. While provision was made in the amount of $1,200, expenditures totalling $1,600 were incurred for the purchase of street signs for the parking of UNMOT vehicles ($200), coat stands for UNMOT headquarters ($100) and various minor supplies such as cigarettes, coffee and drinks ($100), which were demanded by the abductors during the hostage crisis in February 1997. This resulted in additional requirements of $400.

11. Election-related supplies and services . . . . . —

56. No provision was made under this heading.

12. Public information programmes 4 500

57. *Materials and supplies*. Provision was made for the purchase of materials and supplies in the amount of $300. Actual expenditures totalling $1,100 were incurred for the procurement of the following items to set up the public information office: 1 tape recorder and audiotape ($200), a television set and video

cassette recorder ($700) and 10 VHS tapes, and the printing of leaflets ($140), resulting in additional expenditures of $800.

58. *Contractual services*. While provision was made in the amount of $11,000, expenditures totalling $5,700 were incurred for the printing of leaflets in three languages ($1,000), the printing of a brochure entitled "General Agreement on Establishing Peace and National Accord in Tajikistan" in three languages ($4,600) and publication of articles by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in newspapers ($100), resulting in unutilized resources of $5,300.

13. Training programmes . . . . . —

59. No provision was made under this heading.

14. Mine-clearing programmes . . . . . —

60. No provision was made under this heading.

15. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization . . . . . —

61. No provision was made under this heading.

16. Air and surface freight . . . . . —

62. No change.

17. United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi . . . . . (51 500)

63. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 52/1 of 15 October 1997, an amount of $51,500, representing the ad hoc prorated share of UNMOT in the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, was provided during the reporting period.

18. Support account for peacekeeping operations . . . . . —

64. No change.

19. Staff assessment 203 600

65. Unutilized resources of $203,600 under this heading were due to the difference between the authorized posts and the posts actually encumbered, as explained in paragraph 7 above.

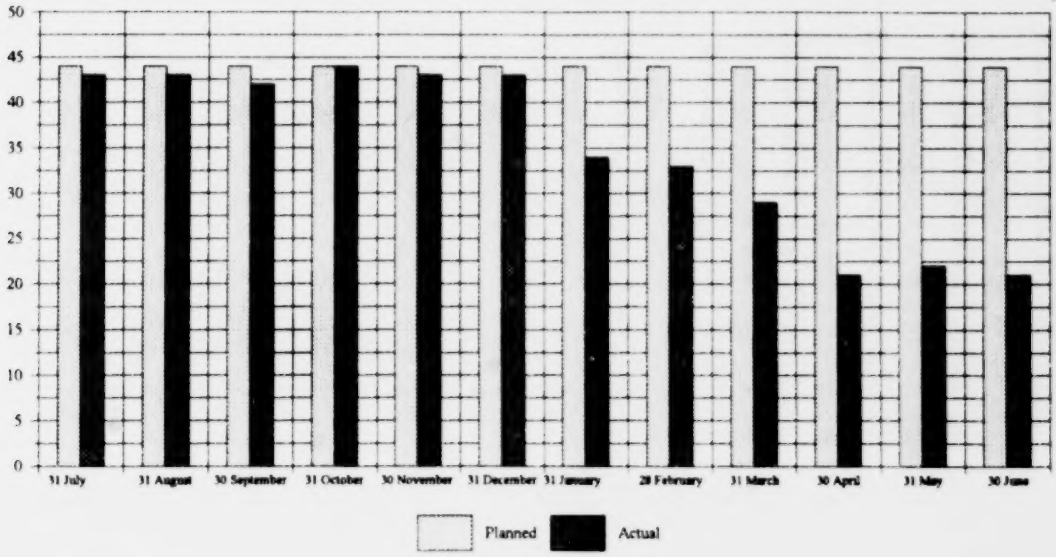
20. Income from staff assessment . . . . . (203 600)

66. This amount was derived from item 19 above.

Annex III
Planned and actual deployment of civilian and military personnel for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997

	Deployment as at											
	31 July	*31 August*	*30 September*	*31 October*	*30 November*	*31 December*	*31 January*	*28 February*	*31 March*	*30 April*	*31 May*	*30 June*
Military observers												
Planned	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44
Actual	43	43	42	44	43	43	34	33	29	21	22	21
Difference	1	1	2	—	1	1	10	11	15	23	22	23
International staff												
Planned	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
Actual	19	20	18	19	20	20	21	20	21	23	24	24
Difference	5	4	6	5	4	4	3	4	3	1	—	—
Local staff												
Planned	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
Actual	35	35	35	34	34	34	34	33	32	32	32	35
Difference	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	—

Military observers



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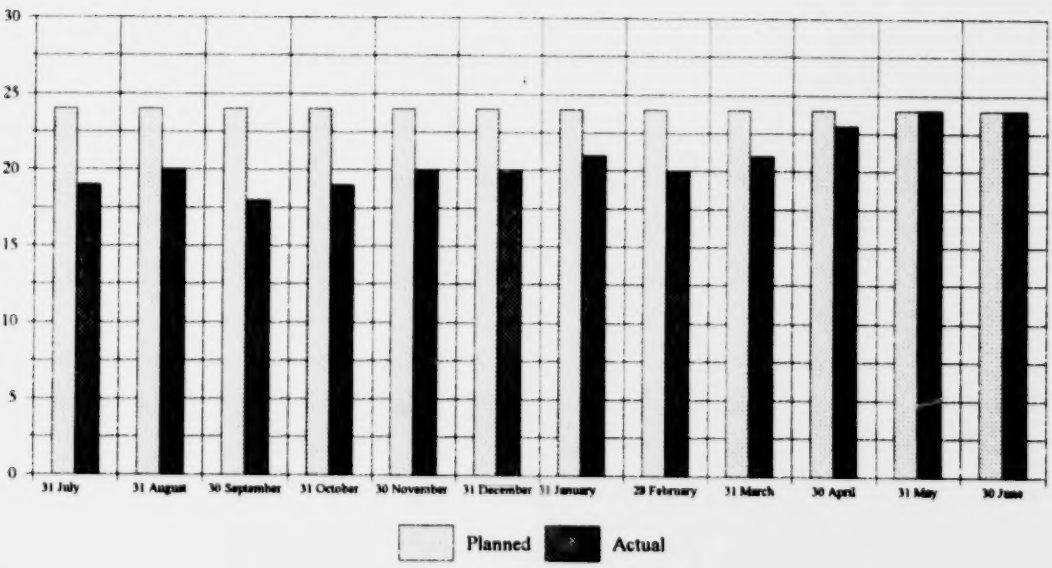

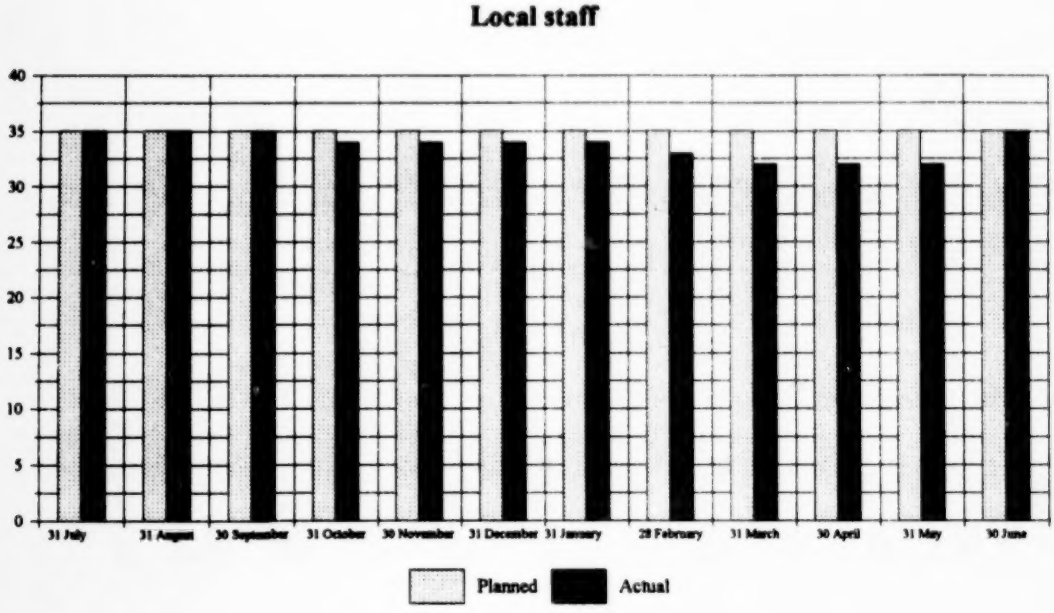
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Annex IV
Authorized staffing, incumbency and vacancy rate for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997

		Actual staff on board												
Personnel category	*Authorized*	*31 July*	*31 Aug.*	*30 Sept*	*31 Oct.*	*30 Nov.*	*31 Dec.*	*31 Jan.*	*28 Feb.*	*31 March*	*30 April*	*31 May*	*30 June*	*Average*
Military personnel														
Military observers	44	43	43	42	44	43	43	34	33	29	21	22	21	35
Vacancy rate (percentage)		2	2	5	—	2	2	23	25	34	52	50	52	21
Military contingents														
Vacancy rate (percentage)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total, military personnel	**44**	**43**	**43**	**42**	**44**	**43**	**43**	**34**	**33**	**29**	**21**	**22**	**21**	**35**
Vacancy rate (percentage)		2	2	5	—	2	2	23	25	34	52	50	52	21
Civilian personnel														
Civilian police	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vacancy rate (percentage)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
International staff														
Under-Secretary-General	—	—	—	—	—	—								
Assistant Secretary-General	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
D-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
D-1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	1	1	1	1	1
P-5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
P-4	7	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4
P-3	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
P-2	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
Subtotal	**13**	**8**	**9**	**8**	**9**	**9**	**9**	**9**	**9**	**10**	**10**	**10**	**10**	**9**
Vacancy rate (percentage)		38	31	38	31	31	31	31	31	23	23	23	23	29
Field Service	9	7	7	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	7
General Service (Principal level)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
General Service (Other levels)	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	5	5	4
Security Service	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	3	1
Subtotal	**11**	**11**	**11**	**10**	**10**	**11**	**11**	**12**	**11**	**11**	**13**	**14**	**14**	**12**
Vacancy rate (percentage)		—	—	9	9	—	—	(9)	—	—	(18)	(27)	(27)	4
Total, International staff	**24**	**19**	**20**	**18**	**19**	**20**	**20**	**21**	**20**	**21**	**23**	**24**	**24**	**21**
Vacancy rate (percentage)		21	17	25	21	17	17	13	17	13	4	—	—	14

Personnel category	*Authorized*	*Actual staff on board*												
		31 July	*31 Aug.*	*30 Sept.*	*31 Oct*	*30 Nov.*	*31 Dec.*	*31 Jan.*	*28 Feb.*	*31 March*	*30 April*	*31 May*	*30 June*	*Average*
Local staff	35	35	35	35	34	34	34	34	33	32	32	32	35	34
Vacancy rate (percentage)		–	–	–	3	3	3	3	6	9	9	9	–	4
United Nations Volunteers	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Vacancy rate (percentage)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total, civilian personnel	**59**	**54**	**55**	**53**	**53**	**54**	**54**	**55**	**53**	**53**	**55**	**56**	**59**	**55**
Vacancy rate (percentage)		8	7	10	10	8	8	7	10	10	7	5	–	8